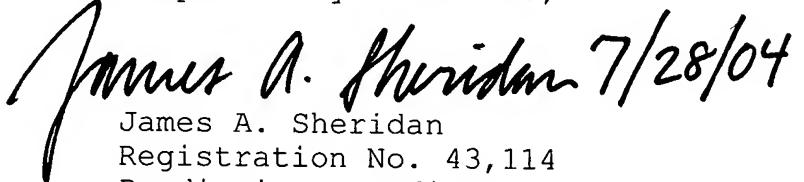


Remarks

The above-identified patent application is a continuation of pending prior application Serial No. 10/261,899, filed 10/01/02 by Paul Re et al. for APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR THE REPAIR OF ARTICULAR CARTILAGE DEFECTS, which in turn claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/326,293, filed 10/01/01 by Paul Re and Mark A. Johanson for APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR THE REPAIR OF ARTICULAR CARTILAGE DEFECTS (Attorney's Docket No. SCAN-1 PROV). The above amendment is intended to make this fact of record in the specification of the above-identified continuation patent application.

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